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SUBJECT: ROMAN POLANSKI'S "CHINATOWN"

REF: PENDERGRAST O-I ON JANUARY 10, 1975 TO KORDEK

1. POLISH JOURNALIST FRIENDS INFORM US THAT ROMAN POLANSKI IS INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO POLAND FOR SHOWINGS OF "CHINATOWN" AND THAT ACTOR JACK NICHOLSON WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM. CAN AGENCY CONFIRM POLANSKI'S PLANS?

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO KNOW IF MPAA IS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE A 35MM PRINT OF "CHINATOWN" FOR AMBASSADORIAL SHOWINGS. EVEN IF POLANSKI IS UNABLE TO COME IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR USE OF THE FILM, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE FILM IN POLAND, AND WE PROBABLY COULD MATCH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SHOWINGS OF "THE STING".

3. WE REQUEST ALSO THAT THE AGENCY DETERMINE THE INTEREST OF BILLY WILDER IN COMING TO POLAND. HE REPORTEDLY IS OF POLISH EXTRACTION AND HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO VISIT WARSAW. HIS FILMS ARE VERY WELL KNOWN IN POLAND, PARTICULARLY "SOME LIKE IT HOT" WE WOULD HOPE TO ARRANGE A WEEK OF WILDER FILMS IF HE WERE TO COME.
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